

## GOV'T TO HOLD ALOOF FROM MERGER OF MEAT PACKERS

**Secretary Wallace Declares There is No Occasion for Action at This Time Under the Packers and Stockyards Act—Announcement Made After Conferences With President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty—Cites Briefs of Armour & Co., That the Consolidation Would Not Hinder, But Would Increase Competition in the Packing Industry.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—The government will take no action at this time on the proposed acquisition of Morris & Co.'s physical assets by Armour & Co. of Chicago, a move which would be approved by the secretary of agriculture. This decision was reached by Secretary Wallace after long study of the proposal and consultation with the attorney general and Attorney General Daugherty.

There was no indication in Washington whether Armour & Co. would proceed with the purchase of the assets of Morris & Co. if the government failed to approve the establishment in a competitive and not of the "Big Five" packing establishments.

Wallace also declared that there appeared to be no reason to believe that this time, under the packers and stockyards act, which he administers, in connection with the proposal informally laid before him.

Wallace also transmitted this information and additional data on the proposal to the board.

In a formal announcement Mr. Wallace declared there was nothing in the packers and stockyards act which specifically required the liquidation of the physical assets of another. An opinion by Attorney General Daugherty, made public with the announcement, said that the act was "a regulatory one" and that the duties and powers of the secretary of agriculture therefore were

The attorney general declared that neither the act itself nor the regulation proposed contemplates that the secretary of agriculture should advise the industry of its own act, and that the act of Daugherty said the act vested Mr. Wallace with broad powers of inquiry.

"To constitute a violation of the law with the means of the act, it must be something more than a mere statement of what a person or corporation contemplates," said Mr. Daugherty. "The secretary of agriculture is not involved in the act. Mr. Daugherty, quoted from Chief Justice Taft as follows:

apply only to the practices actually drawn to the attention of the congressional committees, instructions which in the judgment of congress are likely to affect interstate commerce substantially.

Briefs of Armour & Co. presented to Secretary Wallace and transmitted to the senate contended that the consolidation would not hinder, but would increase competition in the packing industry. De-

**REPORT TO BE MADE ON  
SCRAPPING OF WARSHIPS**

Washington, Dec. 12.—Navy department reports to congress, called for by a house resolution, as to progress made by the United States and other countries on the warship scrapping in advance of the promulgation of a Washington treaty are expected to credit Great Britain.

ships actually sold or breaking up, including many capital ships. In the United States and Japan the reports will be made to some extent by the armaments constitutions the chief preliminary compliance with treaty provisions.

The list of British ships already sold for junk is 11, of which 10 are composed wholly of twelve inch gun craft. Among vessels which have been sold for scrap are the battleships, which not yet actually turned over to ship breaking firms, however, are two battle-

A third classification of capital ships are now being made ready for sale but no definite date has been set. The same also will be shown in the British list. With the sale of these vessels and their destruction the British navy would be reduced to a few old battleships and a few land types and also would have discarded several of the older 15-inch gun craft leaving the battle fleet retained armed entirely with 16-inch and 15.5-inch weapons.

**TEMULITY SAYS C. S. MUST  
HELP STABILIZE EUROPE**

New York, Dec. 12.—America, in the journey of progress, has reached a crossroads and must follow either the one that leads to peace, or the other, ending in ruin, says the Hon. Charles S. Tamm, chief justice of the United States, in his address at the annual dinner of the American Bar Association at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here last night.

Mr. Tamm, who is president of the association, said that the United States must take a stand for peace, and that the only way to achieve this is by the aid of the League of Nations. He said that the United States must not allow itself to be drawn into a war, and that it must not allow itself to be drawn into a war, and that it must not allow itself to be drawn into a war.

President Wilson declared today upon his return from Europe on the Majestic.

In order to prevent chaos, and another world war, the United States must help stabilize conditions in Europe, he said. The alternative he described as a "one hand" policy, "such as Germany and France adopted in 1918. This policy would," he asserted, "make of America an armed camp, with millions being sent in preparation for conflict which might prove the last of civilization."

illegal possession of liquor and several other cases were disposed of. Fines ranged from \$5 to \$150.

**ARRESTED FOR BARK ROBERTS  
AS HE LEFT SING SING**

Ossing, N. Y., Dec. 12.—As he turned his back on the gates of Sing Sing prison, after serving two terms for larceny, William Trafay was arrested today by an officer of the Combina-

**COLBY TO TERMINATE LAW CO-PARTNERSHIP WITH WILSON**

New York, Dec. 12.—Banbridge Colby, secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet, announced today that his law partnership with Cornelius Wilson will terminate December 31, the date of expiration of their co-partnership agreement. The announcement was made from the local office of Wilson and Colby.

Beyond saying that the former presi-

dented in a \$10,000 bank robbery at Falmouth, Conn., three years ago.

In 1915 Truffy was convicted of passing a letter of credit on the Royal Bank of Canada. Three years ago he was convicted of swindling a New York ancral house. Officials of the Commercial Union bank in New York City identified Truffy as one of the men held them up.

**106 WORKMEN KILLED BY**

**STELLING BE CONDUCTED**  
**BY JUDGE E. S. THOMAS**

Hartford, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The 12-Spelling books will be in demand by members of the bar here if Judge E. S. Thomas or the

**OUTRAGE KILLING AT CAMAGUAY**

Hartford, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—One Hundred workmen were killed or injured today in a boiler explosion which wrecked the Estrella sugar mill Camaguary.

Thirteen bodies had been recovered to seven o'clock this evening, and injured persons were being cared for at Camaguary. Most of the victims Spaniards.

**NEW STATE CONSTITUTION**  
Chicago, Dec. 12.—(By the A. P.) Within an hour after the polls closed, returns from all parts of the state for a tremendous vote against the new state constitution. The five precincts in Chicago gave 19,742 no and only 8,549 for the change.